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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1.   (Currently Amended)   A system for controlling a plurality of parental control subsystems in an audio/visual system, said system configurable by a graphical user interface (GUI), comprising:
a computer having a memory and a display exhibiting a GUI;
one or more audio and/or audiovisual devices interfaced to said computer, wherein at least one of said audio and/or audiovisual devices comprises a native parental control subsystem having adjustable parameters;
control programming which operates the computer to receive user input, said user input allowing a user to choose one or more general parental control parameters; and
control programming which operates the computer to set the adjustable parameters of each native parental control subsystem within said system;
wherein the adjustable control parameters of the native parental control system include a first parental control scheme and a second parental control scheme, the first parental control scheme being incompatible with the second parental control scheme; and
wherein the control programming allows a user to choose general control parameters of the first parental control scheme and the second parental control scheme;
<u>wherein said user input comprises user selection of on-screen items displayed via said graphical user interface;</u>
<u>wherein said graphical user interface comprises:</u>
<u>a first on-screen overlay comprising including a plurality of first user-selectable items, each of the first user-selectable items comprising a representation for an audiovisual content rating and</u>

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including the content ratings of the first parental control scheme and the second parental control scheme, each audiovisual content rating representation including an indication that the audiovisual content rating is locked or unlocked; and

a second on-screen overlay including a plurality of second user-selectable items, each of the second user-selectable items comprising a representation for a television channel, each television channel representation including an indication that the television channel is locked or unlocked.

2.   (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein said one or more audio and/or audiovisual devices comprises a plurality of audio and/or audiovisual devices interfaced to said computer, and wherein at least two of said audio and/or audiovisual devices comprise a native parental control subsystem having adjustable parameters.

3.   (Original) A system according to claim 2, wherein said at least two audiovisual devices are multimedia devices.

4.   (Original) A system according to claim 3, wherein said multimedia devices are one or more DVD devices, video tape devices, television devices, or any combination thereof.

5.   (Original) A system according to claim 4, wherein said television devices are selected from the group consisting of televisions, cable television set top boxes, digital satellite service set top converters, television tuner cards, and any combination thereof.

6.   (Original) A system according to claim 2, wherein said input comprises user responses to a series of on-screen questions.

7. through 9.   (Cancelled)

10.   (Currently Amended) A system according to claim [[[8]]] 1,

further comprising control programming which operates the computer to provide on-screen visual indicia of user input.

11.   (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein at least two audio and/or audiovisual devices are interfaced to said computer, the at least two audio and/or audiovisual devices including native parental control subsystems.

12.   (Cancelled)

13.   (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein control programming which operates the computer to set the adjustable parameters of each native parental control subsystems is based on the received user input choosing the one or more general parental parameters.

14.   (New)   A system according to claim 1, wherein control programming operates the computer to display a context information box when a pointer hovers over a particular representation of the first user-selectable items or the second user-delectable items.